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In re application of:

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For

SURFACE MOUNT PACKAGE WITH INTEGRAL

ELECTRO-STATIC CHARGE DISSIPATING USING

LEAD FRAME AS ESD DEVICE

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Examiner

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Request for Refund Under 37 C.F.R. §1.26(a)

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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a)

Following timely filing of Applicant's Notice of Appeal and Brief on Appeal, together with payment of the fees therefor, prosecution of the above-identified application was reopened and a new, non-final Office Action containing an entirely new grounds of rejection was entered. The prior grounds of rejection was not maintained, which Applicant respectfully submits constitutes a tacit admission that the prior grounds of rejection lacked merit. Applicant should not have been forced to file the Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief, or to pay the associated fees, in order to secure withdrawal of such baseless rejection.

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Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a), Applicant respectfully requests a refund pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a) of the \$320.00 fee for filing of a notice of appeal, paid December 23, 2002, and the \$320.00 fee for filing an appeal brief, paid March 3, 2003, for a total refund of \$620.00. AC 40,00

Respectfully submitted,

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